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**PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2011
Town Hall Council Chambers
5:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Board President Aragon, Board Member Cotton, Board Member Holt, Board Member Jackson, Board Member Lattin, Board Member Pierce, Board Member Volger
- II. **APPROVAL of MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 4th AND 20th, 2011** – The minutes were approved as read.
- III. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**
 1. **District Manager Report** - December's flows were .218 MGD on average. The removal rate for BOD was 91% in December. No violations were reported in December. The sludge removal has helped in the reduction of the ammonia levels for this time of year. USDA has sent the waste water treatment plant application on to Utah for federal review; it is believed this will speed up the processing time. Once the review is complete the USDA won't be able to fund the plant until the Federal Budget is approved. Mr. Phil Starks, Sanitation Supervisor, discussed the CWPDA loans with Mr. Mike Brode, Director of CWPDA, and it was determined to wait until USDA has allocated funds for the PSSGID before requesting an extension of the repayment of the district loan. The next CWPDA board meeting will be mid April. Town Manager Mitchem hopes to get the decision from USDA before the House of Representatives takes back stimulus monies. Town Manager Mitchem said Mr. Phil Starks has received compliments while working with NREL and the Hardin Group during the geothermal project. Mayor Aragon also extended concern that the consultant company will cost around \$36,000 for the geothermal project. Town Manager Mitchem explained he is working with Mr. Starks to reduce these costs in forming an RFP. Board Member Holt would like to have an accurate idea of what the costs are for the public to tie onto the geothermal system. Mr. Starks explained the retrofit should reduce homeowner's energy costs by 10% including the cost to retrofit onto the system. The cost to hook up will be zero to the customer; the savings should be a reduction in costs. The business plan will include this information during the RFP. The RFP might take 2 months to complete, and might jeopardize the millions of dollars of funding which the Hardin Group is going after for the geothermal project. The Town will get a credit rating from Moody's for approximately \$5,000. Board Member Cotton does not want to complete an RFP for the geothermal project. He believes it is similar to a franchise agreement. Mr. Starks suggest continuing the RFP process while working with the Hardin Group as well. He explained the RFP includes giving information about the community to companies, asking them to give us ideas of what products can be used to improve the citizen's energy costs with use of our geothermal asset. Information regarding the geothermal project and RFP will be on the next Town Council Meeting Agenda.
- IV. **Next Board Meeting February 17, 2011 at 12:00pm**
- V. **ADJOURNMENT** – Upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.